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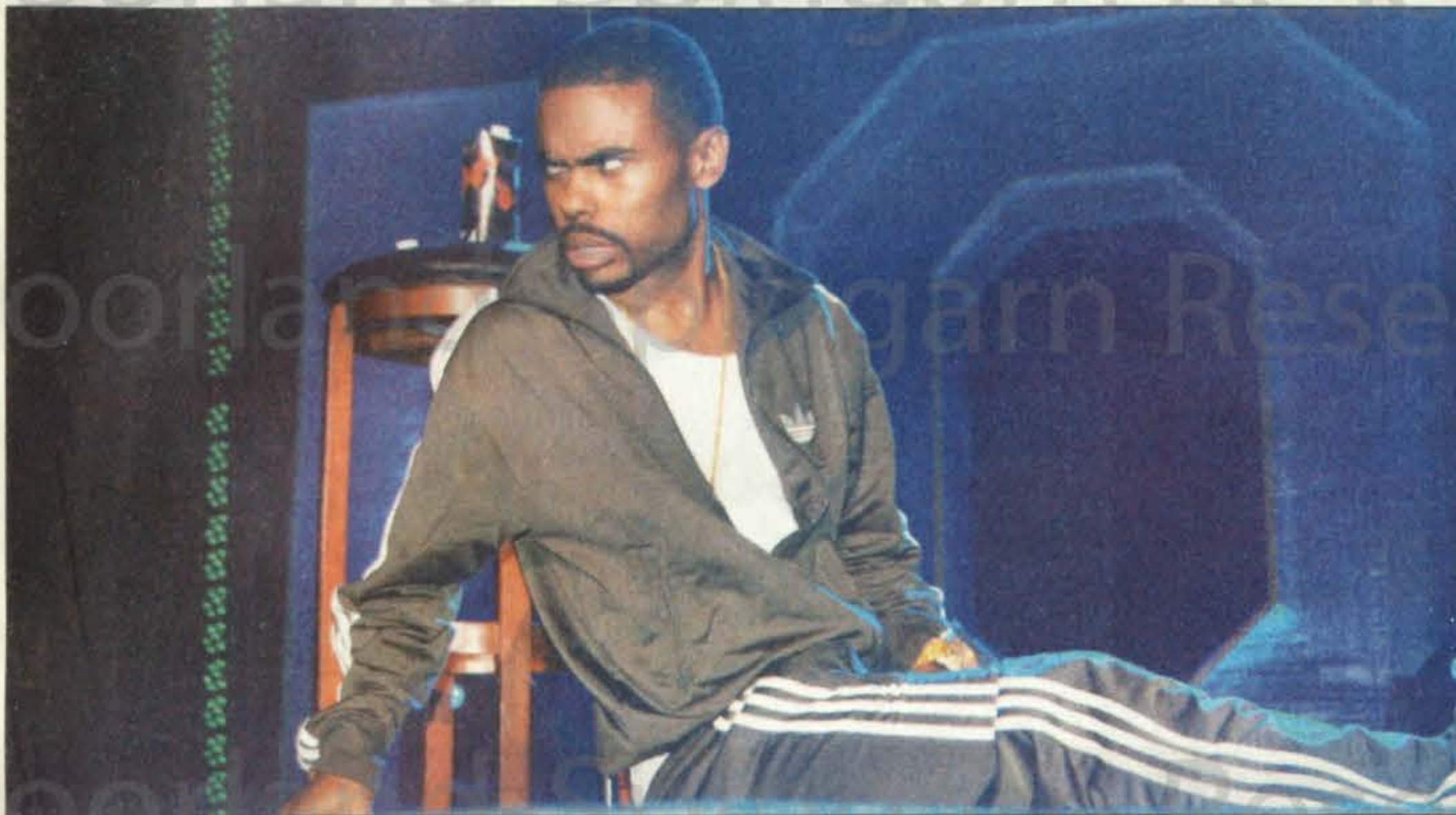
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HOWARD HOMECOMING 2009

The comedy show, held in Cramton Auditorium, was hosted by B Phlat. The show included comedians such as Gary Owen, Cocoa Brown and Lil Duval.

**Slowe Hall
Flooded by
Leak**BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN &
JESSICA LEWIS
Hilltop Staff

Maintenance work aimed at securing heat for satisfying the demands for heat from chilly Slowe Hall residents left the dorm flooded with a new problem.

A radiator leak caused an water to rush down the stairs and gush from the pipes Tuesday afternoon.

According to Slowe employee and sophomore civil engineering major Jordan Rivers, the problem started when the radiator on the right side of the building that lies between the first and second floor burst. Brown water ran down the stairs into the lobby. The lobby flood caused the staff to temporarily close the area.

Acting Dean of Residence Life Marc Lee said the radiator problem was due to faulty piping that leaked when the system was being charged in preparation for the heating cycle.

As a consequence, Residence Life turned off the water supply valve to halt the flow of water throughout the area.

"To provide a point of clarity, what occurs when the mechanical system is made active is that it is going from an inactive or dormant state during the spring and summer months to an active state during fall into the winter months," Lee said. "I have been informed, by the PFM Engineering Department, that problems may occur in the system when being charged due to seasonal changes and that some pipes may begin to leak after not being active for a period of time."

The entire housekeeping staff stayed behind after the end of their regular shifts to clean the

> See **SLOWE**, page 3**Patrons 'Laugh Out Loud' at Comedy Show**BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Non-stop, laugh-out-loud comedy provided relief for students who gathered in Cramton Auditorium for the annual Homecoming Comedy Show.

The show, titled "Laugh Out Loud," was hosted by comedian B Phlat, who warmed the crowd with her charisma and punch line jokes. "I love Howard University, this is my fifth Homecoming at Howard," said B Phlat.

Tyler Pride, chair of the Homecoming Steering Committee and coordinator of the comedy show, said he planned the event as a means to help students relieve the stress of midterms. "It was a real chill show and I just want students to enjoy Homecoming," said Pride.

"It seemed that the time I graduated was a bad time. My homeboy called me saying he work at Pep Boys. With a degree

in finance? Is that corporate?" said Aminah Murphy, Howard alumna, and one of the comedians that took the stage at the "Laugh Out Loud" comedy show in Cramton Auditorium.

Lil Duval was a major name on Pride's list of comedic acts. "Lil Duval is someone the people wanted. I fought to make sure he was here," he said.

Despite several attempts by officials to try to censor Lil Duval, the crowd still enjoyed his performance. "I just say the things in life," said Lil Duval. "The process of me going about putting my skit together is life and people, you can't censor that."

Remixes to Beyonce's "Irreplaceable" and Rich Boy's "Throw Some D's" had the audience clapping as Lil Duval ended his skit.

"I felt there was a lot of energy in the room," said Big Sean Larkins of Atlanta. He spoke about

Facebook dating and Howard's football team. "I heard we lost to Devry," said Larkins, as the audience roared in laughter.

Cocoa Brown took the stage next, speaking about "facially challenged" people. "Chamillionaire gets two checks, one for rapping and one for being the caveman in the Geico ads," said Brown. "And any woman who thinks Lil Wayne is cute should kill themselves."

Junior chemistry major Jordan Thomas said Brown was his favorite act. "It was hysterical, Cocoa Brown had me rolling. I think she was the funniest of the night."

Brown left the audience in laughter, but also encouraged students to get a strong foundation in school because it is the key to success and longevity. "Much love to the Bison," said Brown.

Gary Owen headlined the show. "I am happy that we have a 'mixed' president," Owen said as

the crowd howled. Owens compared the reactions of blacks to whites at comedy shows, adding that whites never laugh before the blacks do.

Owen's jokes were about white people being tricked into using the "N" word by their African-American friends and black people's long church services.

"White church starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Black church ends whenever," said Owen.

A native of the Washington metro area, Owen said he would hang around Howard's campus, especially in McDonalds. "If everyone left in a good mood, then I know I did my job," said Owen. "I hope they liked me."

Sophomore accounting major Angel Smith could barely find the words to describe the event. "It was funny. I liked all of it," said Smith.

**Student Petitions for Extension
Of Burr Hours**BY JACQUELYN ROSS
Contributing Writer

Before he came to college, freshman Justin Senu-Oke worked out two hours every day. Now, with his busy college schedule as a freshman class representative, that number is down to zero.

"I'm involved in several extracurricular activities, and...with all this going on I find it hard to hit the weight room between 5 and 9 p.m.," said Senu-Oke, College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) freshman class representative.

Senu-Oke is petitioning to extend the hours of the weight room, cardio area and lower area of Burr Gymnasium as a solution.

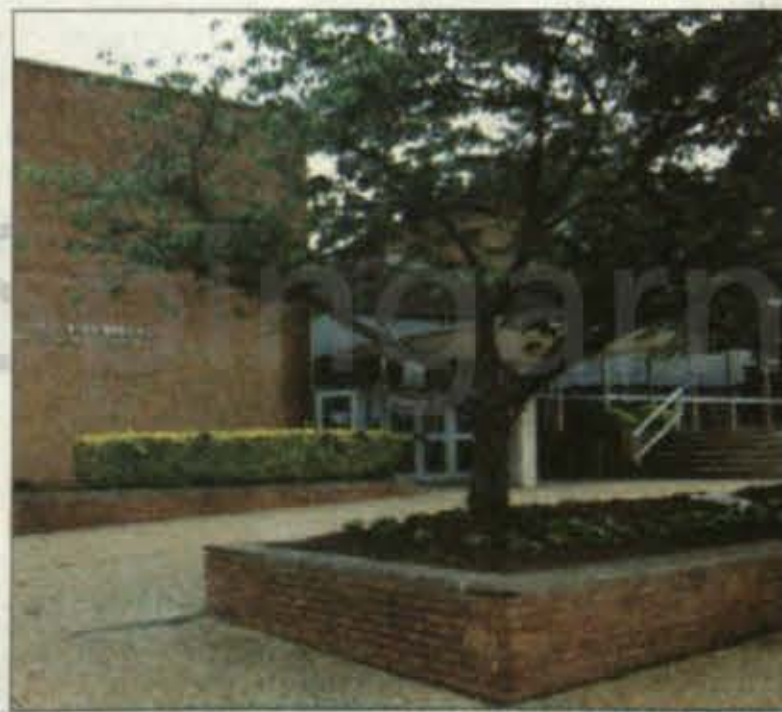
Senu-Oke's petition stated, "The weight room and lower gym of Burr Gymnasium are currently open to students on weekdays between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. On Sundays, these areas are variably closed to students. We would like weekday operational hours to be extended until midnight; Saturday hours to be extended until 5:00 p.m., and Sun-

day operational hours to be incorporated between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m."

It continues, "The cardio area of Burr Gymnasium is open to students Monday through Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. On Sundays, this area is variably closed to students. We would like Monday through Saturday operational hours to be extended until Midnight and Sunday operational hours to be incorporated between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00p.m."

According to Debra Johnson, a fitness professor in Burr Gymnasium, Senu-Oke's demands do not seem feasible.

"I doubt this would happen. A lot of things need to go into planning: how we would pay for this and how many students would actually use [Burr] during those



Some students of the university would like for the hours of Burr Gymnasium to be extended.

hours," Johnson said. "After certain times of the evening it doesn't make much sense to stay open when there are facilities in the dorms that aren't even being used to [their] fullest potential."

Several campus dormitories have work out facilities, such as the Howard Plaza Towers, Cook Hall, Bethune Annex and the Tubman Quadrangle.

"I stay in the West Towers, and I honestly never really see anyone in the weight room," said

> See **BURR**, page 3**Some Want to Kill
The Death Penalty**BY MARQUIS H. BARNETT
Nation & World Editor

A report recently released by the Death Penalty Information Center has revealed that, with budget cuts coast to coast, the United States has run into great difficulty in paying for death row programs.

According to the report, the United States spends \$6.8 billion on the death penalty each year, and budget cuts have made that number impossible to keep inmates on death row without a timely execution.

Those in favor of capital punishment agree that it is detrimental to keep inmates on death row for so long, and have proposed that legislation be put into place to limit the amount of time an inmate can be kept on death row before execution.

Those who oppose the death penalty say these alarming numbers are even more of a reason to do away with the death penalty, arguing that it is a waste of money to keep people in jail for so long only to kill them.

In an interview with

CNN, Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Sacramento, Calif.-based Criminal Justice Legal Foundation said, "I think we need to build support for the death penalty and need to impose it more regularly where it is warranted."

Proponents also contend that part of the problem is many states have added unnecessary, time-consuming delays that hold up the legal system in terms of execution.

Junior administration of justice major Chris Paige feels the change is going to cause even more of a problem. "I think that's going to cause costs to go up more," Paige said. "Because people will be spending more time in prisons and [prisons] will stay crowded."

The death penalty has been a large part of the United States justice system for nearly a century. Even though the numbers have drastically decreased in recent years, there are still a significant amount of inmates on death row. California has the largest number of inmates on death row, with 678 listed inmates.

Ribeau Diaries

Let's Talk Homecoming

BY PAULA RIBEAU
Contributing Columnists

Greetings Students,

In this, my second column of the year, I would like to talk to you about one of the four most important events on the academic calendar. I am impressed and in awe of the excitement and energy surrounding and supporting Howard Homecoming. As we all know, there is no Homecoming like a Howard Homecoming!!

I am curious, however, as to what distinguishes or defines Homecoming for you? Is it the number of celebrities or famous people that show up on campus, is it the fashion show, or maybe the football game, how about the parade, the concert, the step-show, or how good the after-parties are? Whatever the meaning for you, it is clearly a time to celebrate and put on display the unique talents and abilities of Howard University students.

In addition, though, should it also be an occasion, like at other universities, for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater - to come back home - and rekindle memories that have been an essential part of their lives, therefore becoming a part of our contemporary Howard experience? Homecoming can be a rich activity that brings together the best of the present campus life with the past, thus creating a seamless web for all those privileged to have a Howard University education.

Alumni are our direct and accurate connection to the past and knowing past triumphs and tribulations of our institution is important. The past and present must come together to build our future and isn't Homecoming a great time to grow and develop in that way? While I recognize that some of this randomly happens, if we become more intentional in our efforts of connecting with alumni, wouldn't the outcome have significant gains in renewing our legacy?

Alumni friendship, support, mentorship, or just plain networking with our current student body reaps benefits unimaginable, and after-all, don't we at Howard feel passionately about the possibilities of what can be? Alumni from Howard University take pride in coming back "home" and look forward to hearing the dreams of the current student body that are keeping the legacy alive. Remember, one day soon you will be in their shoes.

As you reflect upon what defines Howard Homecoming for you, I challenge you with the following questions:

1. Do you, individually, welcome and embrace alumni back to Howard Homecoming as if they are your family?
2. Imagine returning to Howard 10 years after graduation, how would you like to be greeted/involved with the student body during Homecoming?
3. Should the student Homecoming Committee meet with the Howard University Alumni Association to explore ways of expanding the excellence of Howard Homecoming?

Until next month...

Dr. P

Want to answer Dr. P's questions or suggest a topic to discuss? Email HilltopCampus@gmail.com.

Laugh Out Loud



(Above) Donte, a popular Sodexo worker, was brought on stage after the big screen captured his reaction during Cocoa Brown's joke.

Host B. Phlat (Right) said she would scare the mess out of some kids on Halloween, but ghetto kids always seem to be immune to the fright. She said they dress as homeless men and crackheads.

*"Am I the only person that still likes to dress up and scare the h*** out of other people's kids? I don't care if they're two, scare the h*** out of them."* ~B. Phlat

"Cream on the inside, clean on the outside. Ain't that a yeast infection? I-N-D-E-P-E-N-D-E-N-T do you know what that means? It means you're lonely."
~Lil Duval



Comedy Show

"If you're going to have a smoker's section in the restaurant, you mind as well have a peeing section in the pool." ~B. Phlat



Comedian Lil Duval asked HUSA Vice President Jerome Joseph if he had to mentally prepare to fit into the tight pants he was wearing.

*"You ever talking to your girl and she talking about her ex-boyfriend and you realize you just like that n****?"* ~Lil Duval

"Ladies, I want you to clap like you took a pregnancy test and it came back negative."
~Big Sean Larkins



Cocoa Brown said a "ride or die" friend will have your back and throw the first punch without even asking what happened until the fight is over. "Punch" Why we fighting?



Big Sean Larkins said some hand signs are just universal. You don't even have to say words, he said, they just get it.

"They say two ugly people make a cute baby. It's going to be a cute baby but an ugly adult. Cute baby when its features are all diluted. But an ugly adult. Look just like yo' mama." ~Gary Owen

Radiator Leak Floods Slowe

continued from FRONT, SLOWE

mess. They were able to clean the area, but a slow leak continued.

Hours after the incident, pipes in the stairwell and the radiator still dripped with water while housekeeping waited on maintenance to return.

Before the incident, junior political science major Dorian Blythers said several ceiling tiles in the lobby were removed and maintenance was working on fixing a leak Tuesday morning. Rivers confirmed and said maintenance was repairing that leak when the radiator burst.

It caught them by surprise, Rivers said. But the problems come as no surprise to the students, who have been dealing with rolling blackouts, lack of wireless connectivity capabilities and lack of heat in addition to facility issues as *The Hilltop* reported Tuesday.

Maya Burchette, a sopho-

more psychology major said, "My reaction was what else could break in this place. We already don't have heat and Internet. As far as the Internet goes I think they should have someone in the dorm who knows how to fix it."

Burchette took pictures of the lobby area when the leak happened but was unable to send them due to the lack of internet.

According to Lee, Residence Life have been actively working on all of the Internet problems.

"Part of the wireless problem will be addressed by replacing the radio tower. There have been several contractors to complete repairs within the residence halls, although some of the problems have returned and when that occurs students should re-submit a request in those instances," Lee said.

Lee said the heat traditionally turns on in all residence halls by Oct. 15, but does not consider this to be late.

He said there are no prob-

lems with the heating system in other residence halls such as the Towers, however. In terms of the Towers, Residence Life does intend to adjust the heat levels to match the comfort of the students today.

"The process of maintenance repairs may have many steps depending on what the problem is; although we maintain communication with each department we work with, on the residents' behalf, through each of those steps to provide quality service to our students," Lee said. "Oftentimes, the maintenance questions that are taken forward outside of any particular residence hall or the Department of Residence Life before being asked within only complicate the problem. If only [students] allowed someone to assist them in resolving the matter within the hall or the department we could serve them better. We want to serve their needs and if given a chance to, we will serve their needs."

Burr Hours Not Working Out

continued from FRONT, BURR

Alicia Husbands, a junior biology major, "I doubt people would leave their room to go to Burr when they barely want to go downstairs to work out."

Outside of problems with potential usage of Burr after hours, safety of the students is another issue facing Senu-Oke's extension plans.

"It's not a very safe idea," said Tracy Wyatt, a desk assistant in Burr Gymnasium. "When it gets past about 9:00, everything gets way more dangerous. We wouldn't want to put students at risk."

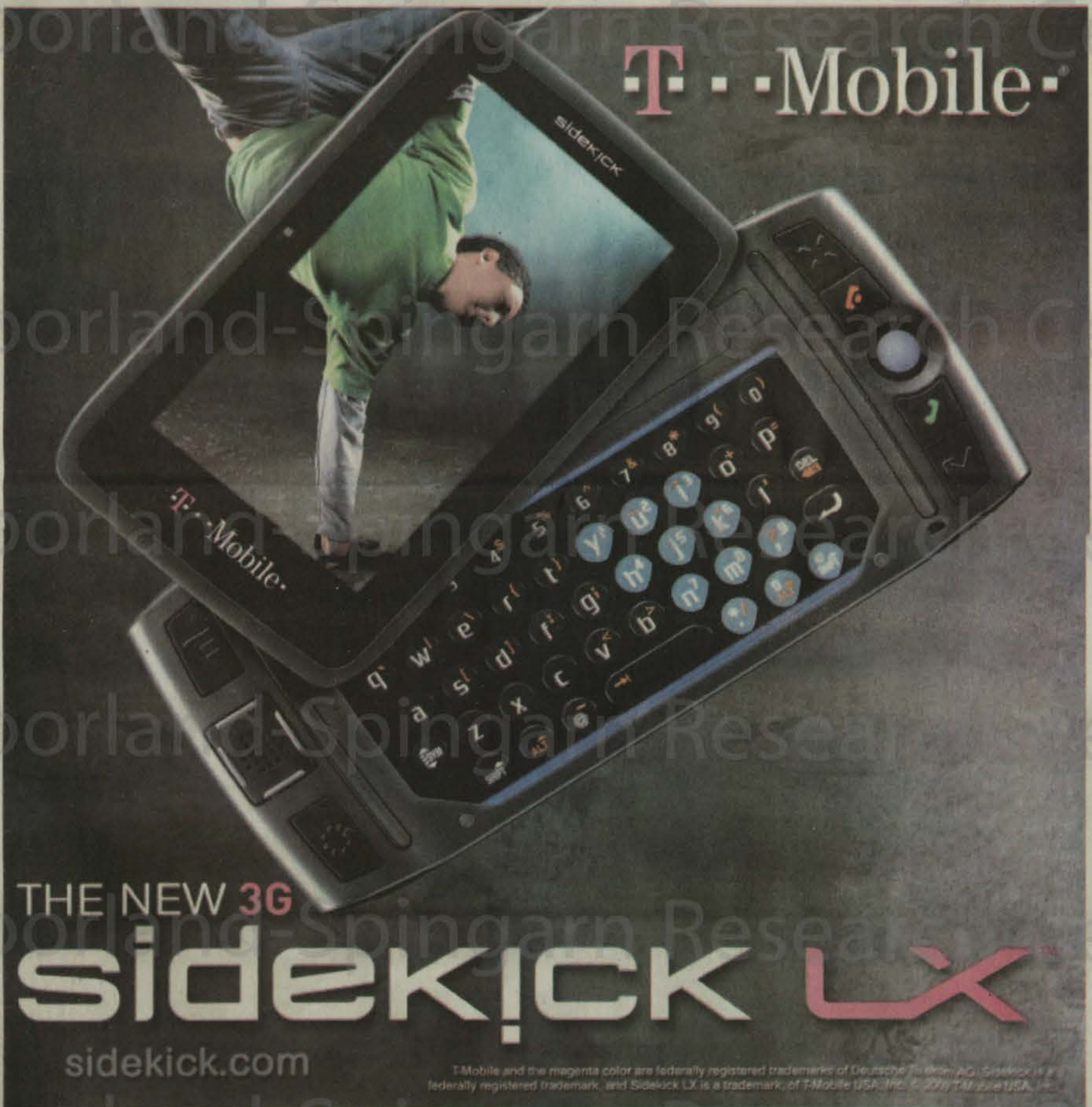
Despite the obstacles facing his proposal, Senu-Oke does not plan on giving up that easily. He said getting signatures is only step one. He plans to work with the

Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and faculty to determine the factors preventing the extension of hours.

"From there [we want] to determine how best to proceed in order to get the hours extended to what the students, who are paying tuition to have the gym opened in the first place, want them to be," he said.

The COAS freshman class representative already has student body support as demonstrated by the hundreds of signatures on his extension petition.

"The idea actually seems great to me," said Fatima Rashid, a senior marketing major. "I really would love to get a late night work out."



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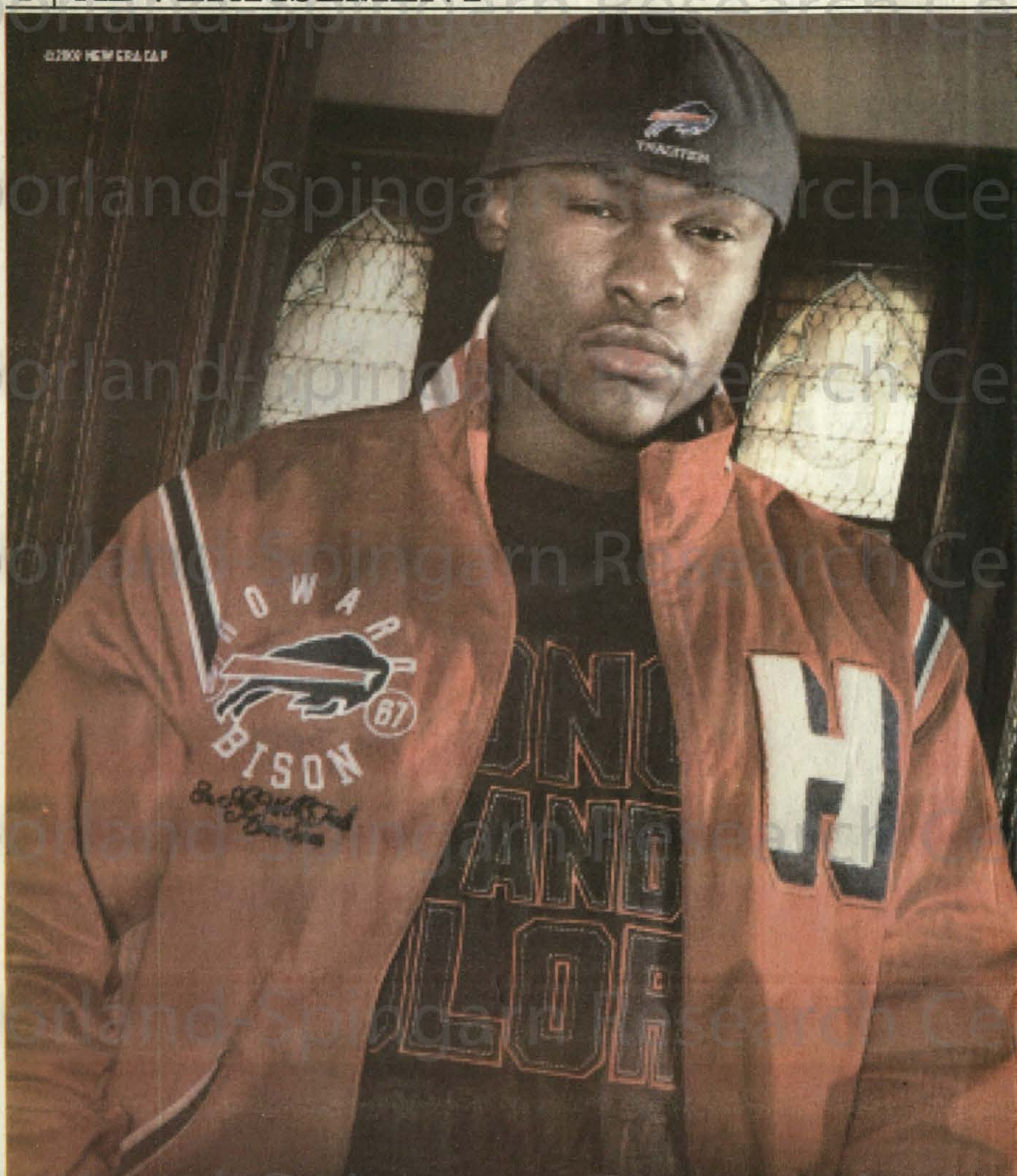
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Jungle Fever Continues to Thrive in Sports

BY NATASSHA ROBINSON
Contributing Writer

Interracial dating and the number of interracial relationships in professional and collegiate sports is an increasingly hot topic among the urban community.

Reggie Bush, Kobe Bryant and Tiger Woods, to name a few, are some athletes who have been in an interracial relationship.

Many black athletes find themselves in interracial relationships for various reasons. Coach Merritt of Howard University's Track and Field Team had a theory of his own.

"Once civil rights laws were passed, it opened doors to allow recruitment of black athletes," Merritt said. "Black males got curious and wanted to see what it was like to date outside their culture."

Graduate sports management major Michael Glasby agreed with coach Merritt to some extent.

"Black men are conditioned to believe the lighter the skin the better," he said. "Whether it's a very light-skinned black woman [or] all the way to white women; men are conditioned."

A random survey was distributed to non-white athletes, both males and females, at several colleges and universities around the country on why they might date outside their race. The top three answers of men were black women are gold diggers, white women are groupies and very persistent and white women are more submissive and less confrontational about infidelity.

Women, on the other hand, had one simple response. They see no color when it comes to relationships. Ricky Harris, senior basketball player at the University of Massachusetts said he dates white women because they are easier to

deal with.

"They don't complain as much as black women; they are also way less demanding," Harris said.

"My boyfriend is white and plays soccer," said Brittany Banks, a junior sports management major, jokingly. "I don't see James' [her boyfriend] skin color. I only see how he treats me, which is way better than a lot of black men have treated me in the past."

But when does race become important to determine a relationship? And are we misinformed on interracial dating within sports?

Several professional athletes have black wives. According to the articles on Biglead.com, a sports news and rumors blog and Answers.Yahoo.com, 90 percent of NBA players have black wives. These Web sites go on to say that the reason America has a false impression that black athletes interracially date is because the media highlights an athlete's wife who is not African American five times more than showing one of their same race.

Biglead.com went on to give an example on how, during the 2000 NBA playoffs, Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers announced his engagement to a black woman and the media did not cover the engagement. However, when fellow teammate Kobe Bryant announced his engagement to a non-African American woman, the media did



Kobe Bryant is just one of many athletes who have experimented with interracial dating. Bryant married Vanessa Laine, who is of Mexican and Irish descent, in 2001.

Photo Courtesy of www.celebrity.com

mass coverage on their engagement.

"The media has to sell tickets," coach Merritt said. "They have to have stories outside the norm and a black athlete dating a Caucasian woman is big news and if the athlete does anything to harm the women it makes for even bigger news."

Tennis star Serena Williams dated a white man in the past. The media chastises black female athletes for interracial dating instead of praising them.

"Black women athletes are looked at in a more negative light when it comes to interracial dating; it's this double standard Americans seem to have," Glasby said.

There were rumors that said Williams stopped dating black guys because they were the wrong choice for a successful black woman. Killian Lewis, senior broadcast journalism major, wants black women to venture out and begin dating outside their races.

"I like how Serena had a white boyfriend," she said. "If male athletes can do it then why not women. I know I don't discriminate; neither should they."

Many young athletes are beginning to experiment dating outside of their race. According to Urbansportstalk.wordpress.com, a vast majority of black athletes are removed from black areas when they are given scholarships to attend white colleges.

It's during this time when socialization with diverse groups will ultimately influence an athlete's perception.

"I know when I was getting recruited to play basketball, I was introduced to a lot of women as a perk for coming to their school. Most of the women were white," Harris said.

Although times have changed since the civil rights era, interracial dating in the world of sports is a phenomenon that is growing and will continue to be a hot topic.

A Bison You Should Know: David Marshall

BY KILLIAN LEWIS
Contributing Writer

Golf teacher assistant (T.A.) and Howard student David Marshall did not begin to take golf seriously until he challenged his uncle to a golf match after attempting to play in his grandmother's backyard. After the challenge date was set he began taking beginner lessons at his local golf course.

"I was immediately hooked," Marshall said. "I practiced hitting everyday, but I never played."

Marshall went on to win the match against his uncle and started to practice the game everyday. The more he practiced, the more he got noticed.

"I started getting money to play, but I had to dumb down the game so I could hit the ball straight

and put it in the hole," he said.

In 2002, Marshall took a friend's advice and began the necessary steps to become a professional golfer. Marshall approached a professional at a golf course about becoming his assistant while working as a golf cart cleaner at a course.

"He told me that if I could pass the PAT (Players Ability Test), that he would hire me in a heartbeat, so I went online and signed up," Marshall said.

The day of the test there were 69 players and there were only two African Americans, one Asian and the rest were White.

"I've never [felt] so out of place on a golf course before," he said.

Marshall excelled on his PAT and won honors for the lowest score, which is a positive indicator in golf, but instead of the professional giving him a job as an assis-

stant, he told him to try another golf course.

It was at this point that Marshall said he realized that his journey to a career as a professional golfer wasn't going to be easy. For the next several months, Marshall went around to different golf courses trying to get a job as an assistant to a professional. He ended up settling on picking up golf balls, or "picking cotton," until he obtained his PGA card.

To manifest his dreams further, Marshall moved to North Carolina to start his career. The Tar Heel Tour was Marshall's first official professional golf tournament.

"I was really excited because it was my first tour, but when I got there I was greeted with a less than 'friendly welcome,'" he said. "It was then that I realized that the south was still alive and kicking."

Marshall continued to do

tournaments in North Carolina but initially, did not have much luck; he wasn't winning anything. He had gotten so discouraged that he contemplated leaving the area until he met James Black. Black was the first black golfer to shoot a 67 in a PGA event. Marshall studied under Black and eventually won his first tournament. He won four tournaments in all.

"James taught me three important ingredients of success: knowledge of self, trust in the spirit that guides you and an unshakable commitment to your intended purpose," he said.

In 2008, Marshall returned to Washington D.C. to finish his degree at Howard and be the golf T.A. He felt that if he could commit and be successful at golf, then he could put the same efforts into finishing his degree.

MARSHALL'S 10 TIPS FOR FUTURE GOLFERS

1. Finish your education.
2. Find a good instructor who can simplify the swing.
3. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE
4. Find sponsors who are willing to invest in you for at least 3-5 years.
5. Do your due diligence and know what area is the best fit for you (California, Texas, Arizona, Florida, Carolina's etc.).
6. Start with one-day events until you build your stamina.
7. Keep ALL distractions to a minimum.
8. Make sure everything you need is within 5-10 miles. Time is Money.
9. Know thy self.
10. COMMIT.



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BISON BRIEF

Sophomore Chanel Bell was named the Great West Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season, the conference announced today.

Bell registered five saves in Howard's 2-0 win over East Division foe South Carolina State. She picked up her third shutout of the year in the victory.

Howard leads the Great West Conference's East Division

with a 3-0-1 record while Houston Baptist is second behind Utah Valley (2-0-1) in the West at 2-0-2.

HU is back in action on Sunday against NJIT. Game time against the Highlanders is slated for 1 p.m. in Newark, N.J.

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Morgan State	3-0	1.000	5-1	.833
South Carolina State	3-0	1.000	5-1	.833
Florida A&M	2-1	.667	4-2	.667
North Carolina A&T	2-2	.500	4-3	.571
Hampton	2-2	.500	3-3	.500
Norfolk St.	2-2	.500	3-3	.500
Bethune-Cookman	1-3	.250	2-4	.333
Delaware State	1-3	.250	1-5	.167
Howard	0-3	.000	2-4	.333

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

October 21, 1989

Betram Lee and Peter Bynoe were the first black owners to own a major sports team, purchasing Denver Nuggets for \$65 million.

Sports Trivia!
What year did Ozzie Newsome begin his NFL streak of games with at least one reception?

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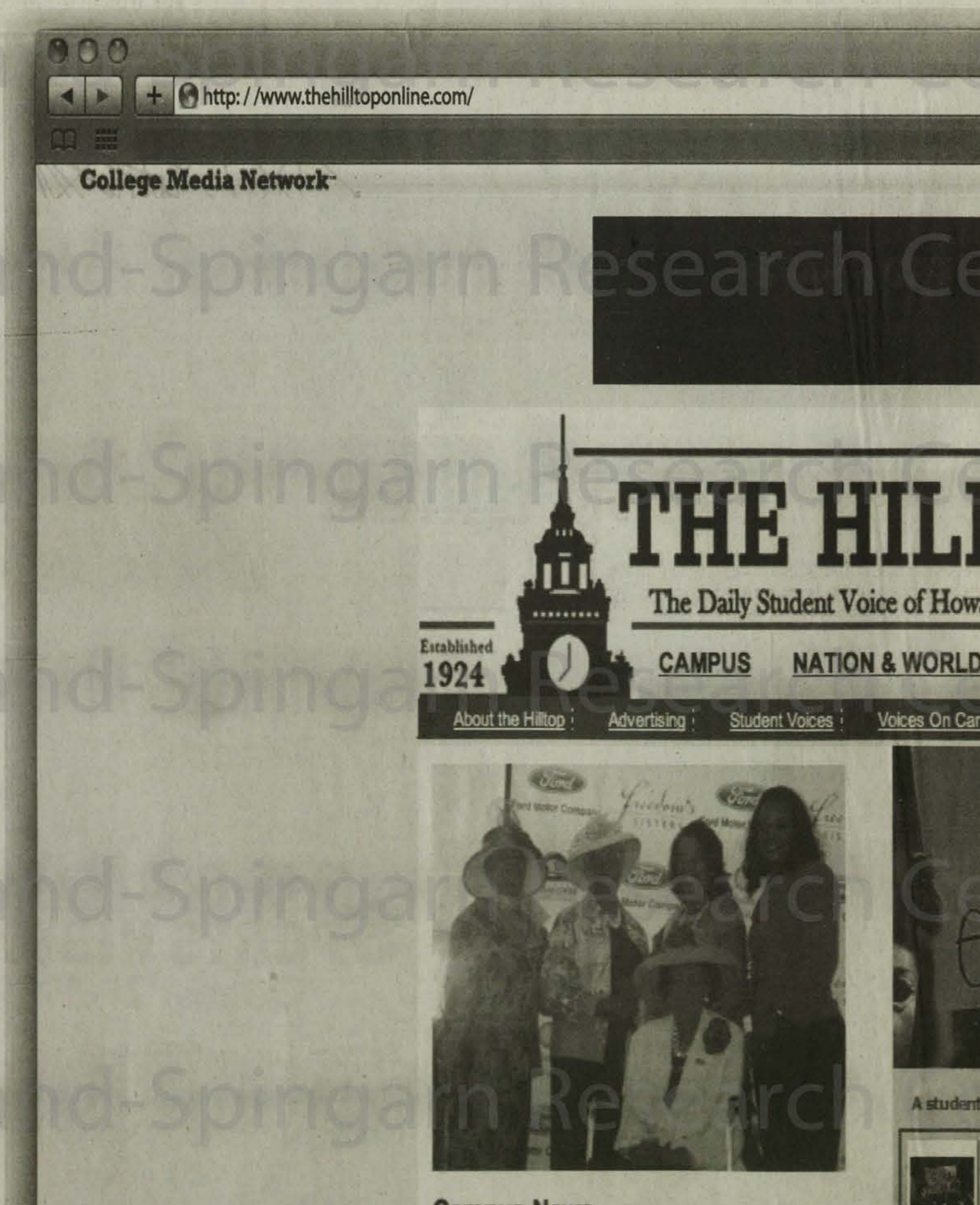
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Morehouse Student Receives More Than \$1 Million in Scholarships



Derrius Quarles hails from Chicago, and has proven that it is possible for any student to receive funding for college, amidst financial problems.

BY De'RELL BONNER
Contributing Writer

There is one college student walking the campus of Morehouse College that will not be eating Ramen noodles for dinner. Freshman Derrius Quarles was awarded over \$1 million in scholarships on his way to college, and has proven that

when the effort is put forth, it is possible to get funding for college.

A native of Chicago, Quarles has managed to remain safe from the path of stray bullets, and away from involvement in drugs, making his way to Morehouse without having to pay for anything.

Not having either of his parents around, Quarles has lived

independently, as a ward of the state, since he was 17 years old.

He is hesitant when it comes to talking about his rough childhood, and contends that calling it "rough" would be an understatement. At the age of 4, his father was stabbed to death, and his mother struggled with drugs, a habit that continues to plague her life.

Then, at age 5, he was taken away from his mother and placed into the care of various other family members. Quarles, however, does not allow his lack of parental involvement control his present, or his future.

"You can't go around thinking you are inferior just because you didn't have parents," Quarles said.

Rather than allow his circumstances deter him from achievement, he has used them as motivation.

"I began applying for scholarships my sophomore year of high school. I applied to over forty," and it paid off. Quarles was offered more than \$1 million in scholarships from various colleges and scholarship organizations including The Gates Millennium Scholarship, which was founded by Microsoft Corporation Chairman Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda. Quarles was awarded exactly \$1,150,000 and accepted only \$355,000.

At Morehouse, Quarles has quickly come to realize how easy it is to get caught up in the social aspect of college life. He currently balances attending classes, studying and participating in many extracurricular activities. He says however, that he stays focused and avoids getting "caught up."

"It's no one really watching you," Quarles said. "It's really up to you. I'm used to it though, because of what I've had to go through."

Although, he is hundreds of

miles away from his beloved hometown of Chicago, he says he will never forget his upbringing.

"For me, it's about knowing where you are from and accepting it, but more important, knowing where you are going," Quarles said.

Quarles recently appeared on CNN's Newsroom where he was interviewed by Don Lemon about how he managed to achieve and beat-the-odds. As an interviewee, Quarles was granted the opportunity to share his story with the masses, and that is something for which Quarles has said that he is grateful for.

Many call him lucky, but

Quarles contends that "It's not called luck. It's called hard work. I took control of my destiny and I hope my story will inspire others to do the same."

Quarles is currently pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in psychology, with the hopes of one day receiving a doctorate degree in public health.

As a freshman, Quarles challenges himself daily to find new ways to motivate others. He thinks it's a task everyone should challenge themselves with, but maintains, "You can't go back and help other people until you help yourself first."

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Kwame Speaks: The Meaning, Value, and Standard of Education

"If a [sick] man dies shall he live again? We do not know. But this we do know, that our children's children live forever and grow and develop toward perfection as they are trained. All human problems, then, center in the Immortal Child and his (her) education is the problem of problems..."

In carefully examining this quote, among many others from Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, it becomes evident that he believed education leads to salvation for African people at home and abroad. Furthermore, Dr. DuBois sought education as a means to combat greed, egotism, and debauchery among other social ills.

That being said, why don't we take our education more seriously? We, as college students, must begin to reassess the fundamental purpose of education, our purposes for getting an education, and "their" intent of our education.

George G. M. James, author of "Stolen Legacy" proposes that the purpose of education is to become more God-like. Similarly, in the Bible, Hosea 4:6, reads, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

To use a more secular definition, the purpose of education is to acquire knowledge such that it can be used for the dissemination of service amongst people. Dr. DuBois said that "the object of education is manhood and womanhood, clear reason, individual talent and genius and the spirit of service and sacrifice, and not simply frantic effort to avoid change in present institutions; that industry is for man and not man for industry and that while we must have workers to work, the prime object of our training is not the work but the worker - not the maintenance of present industrial caste but the development of human intelligence by which drudgery may be lessened and beauty widened."

The question may be asked:

if we accept any of the aforementioned as true, do our intents and purposes of education coincide?

For example, some question why major in African Studies? What job can you get with a degree in African studies? These questions presuppose that the purpose of education is to get a job. If that is the case, we have failed to live up to our potential.

Dr. DuBois and Booker T. Washington debated on the purpose of education, and while Booker T. Washington asserted that it was best (especially during the times) for Africans in America to receive a vocational education to build their economic power, Dr. DuBois believed that a liberal education should be the priority and vocational training secondary. Most students agree more with Dr. DuBois, ideologically, than they do with Booker T. Washington.

However, in recent times, students and former students seem to have mixed and matched both Dr. DuBois' and Booker T. Washington's ideologies where they saw fit. As a result we have students receiving a "liberal" education, not to be men and women, but contrary to this, to get a job. For example, some of our public intellectuals including but not limited to Dr. Henry "Skip" Gates, Dr. Cornel West, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, and Dr. Eddie Glaude all received their education to get jobs. This appears to be one of the objectives of the "system."

"They," the inventors of the western academy and the modern world system, intend for our education to uphold and not rebel against the system. Dr. DuBois says that the academy "aims not at the full development of the child, but that the world regards and always has regarded education first as a means of buttressing the established order of things rather than improving them."

Because of this we must use the academy as one of the many vehicles of obtaining education. It is apparent that the academy has taken the position of making us believe



Education has played a major role in the advancement of the black people. Figures like W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington and Kwame Toure used their education to enlighten and serve members of the black community.

that "if our stomachs are full it matters little about our brains." In the depths of our hearts we know this is false so let us reassess our education and look for alternative means to a truly well-rounded education.

In summary, the purpose of education is to become men and women. Currently, the academy is not set-up to produce men and women so we must solicit for other means of education such that we can achieve our fullest potential. Dr. DuBois said, "As in the Great War, we discover soldiers too ignorant to use our machines of murder and destruction, we train them - to use the machines of murder and destruction. If mounting wealth calls for intelligent workmen, we rush tumultuously to train workers - in order to increase our wealth. But of great, broad plans to train all men for all things - to make a universe

intelligent, busy, good, creative and beautiful - where in this wide world is such an educational program?" Since 2001, America used approximately \$1 trillion on wars in Iraq and Afghanistan accumulatively.

True education is clearly not a priority. Dr. DuBois asserts that "[we] sin because in our befuddled brains we have linked money and education inextricably." "We assume that only the wealthy have a real right to education when, in fact, being born is being given a right to college training. Our wealth today is, we all know, distributed mainly by chance inheritance and personal favor and yet we attempt to base the right to education on this foundation. The result is grotesque! We bury genius; we send it to jail; we ridicule and mock it, while we send mediocrity and idiocy to college, gilded and crowned..." Let us

not make a mockery of education. "One day we'll read more than Souls of Black Folk."

-Aya Lee,
Kwame Toure Society

Sports Trivia Answer:

1979

Playing for the Cleveland Browns, Ozzie Newsome, made history with 150 consecutive games with at least one reception.

Caught In Style

Bangin' Blazers

"I put on what I like, regardless of where it comes from... labels don't matter to me."



Who: Brittany Epps, New Orleans, La., freshman, print journalism major
Caught: Upper Quadrangle

What are you wearing?

Boyfriend Blazer, JC Penney *I Love Ronson* Line Blue V-neck Tee, Forever 21 Black Leggings, Aldo Black "Booties," Aldo Purple Over-the-Shoulder Bag, New York & Co.

Is the blazer an important part of your wardrobe?

The blazer itself is a very intricate part of my wardrobe. The purchase of this particular one has put a big spark into my closet. I saw it online and was skeptical at first about a leather collar but when I saw it in the store, I fell in love! The length and fit is perfect.

What are some of your style inspirations?

A lot of my inspirations come from what I see in my favorite magazines, but mostly from within. I put on what I like, regardless of where it comes from. I love vintage boutiques and I've learned that you can find some hidden gems in thrift stores. I like to mix and match pieces from everywhere. Labels don't really matter to me.

How do you plan on making your style stand out during Homecoming?

I'm really just looking forward to Homecoming weekend! I can finally wear those things that were perhaps *too much* to wear to a regular Saturday night event. I don't really mind if it stands out or not, I just want to be free and have fun with it!

What's your favorite way to wear a blazer?

Just as you caught me! With a shirt and tight jeans or with some ripped and distressed skinny jeans.

"Going out and spending crazy money on clothes for Homecoming, we off that."



Who: Calvin Seino, Dallas, Texas, sophomore, information systems and analysis major
Caught: Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel

What are you wearing?

Outerwear Blazer, Express Straight Leg Jeans, Express Burgundy V-neck, Urban Outfitters Burgundy Sperry, Urban Outfitters Fedora, Jos. A. Bank

What is it that you love about the blazer?

I really like the simple elegance of the blazer and its versatility. I also personally love this piece I'm wearing, because it reminds me of some of the blazers Michael Jackson used to wear, with its slight military influence.

Who do you think wears the blazer the best?

Usher of course. He practically invented the blazer and made it what it is in urban wear today.

What goes into your selecting of a blazer?

When selecting a blazer, I look for something that's not cut like your average suit jacket. Two or three buttons is a must, anything more than that gives a Steve Harvey, Easter suit kind of feel. Subsequently, it's very important that I get all of my blazers tailored to fit. Tailoring makes anything look more expensive and stylish than what it already is.

How do you plan on making your style stand out during Homecoming?

Really, with me, it's very simple. I'm going to use what I already have. Going out and spending crazy money on clothes for Homecoming, we off that. I just plan on taking what I got, and making it look hot.

"A blazer gives me a more polished look."



Who: Rebecca Petit, Miami, Fla., graduating senior, broadcast journalism major
Caught: Outside Architecture Building

What are you wearing?

Black and White Houndstooth Blazer, SoBe Thrifty Turtle Neck, Forever 21 Black Framed Glasses, Chanel

Why is the blazer an important part of your wardrobe?

The blazer is an important part of my wardrobe, because I like to layer clothes, I can do that with a blazer. Putting on a blazer also gives me a more polished look.

Where do you draw your style inspiration?

I draw my style from different celebrities such as Rihanna, and also fashion magazines.

How do you plan on making your style stand out during Homecoming?

For Homecoming, I plan to stand out by mixing vintage pieces with today's hottest trends.

What is your favorite way to wear or pair up a blazer?

My favorite way to pair up a blazer is with a turtle neck or ruffled blouse.

- Compiled by Aaron Randle, Staff Writer

on the come up

BY MAYA RHODAN
Staff Writer

Howard University's campus is full of students with talents that have made them popular beyond their own expectations. Take for instance, Willie James Thomas, a junior finance major, better known around campus as DJ Big Will. From the beginning of Thomas' sophomore year, a house party at Howard hasn't "cracked" without him providing the music and overall entertainment. A legal orphan and overall lovable guy, Thomas has taken it upon himself to become one of Howard University's premier student DJs and performs everywhere from ResFest to official Homecoming after parties. *The Hilltop* had the honor and privilege of sitting down with DJ Big Will to see how he is 'On the Come Up' at Howard.

How did you get your start DJing?

My mother is actually the one who helped me start in DJing. I would tell her all the time that I wanted DJ equipment for Christmas and my sophomore year in high school she didn't get me [anything] else but DJ equipment. Those were some of my first record vinyls, back in my room when I was a room DJ. I didn't bring my DJ equipment when I came to D.C. originally, because I'm from Buffalo, N.Y. and the whole state of N.Y., mainly NYC and Buffalo, DJing is huge. So, freshman year I met DJ

Premonition and DJ Anonymous and I heard them DJ but I felt like I could hype up the parties that were being thrown a little better because I had a better connection with the people that were going to the parties; it was my class. So, I started to build up a reputation, but then a situation happened. My father had passed away when I was 4 and my mother passed away second semester of my freshman year, so I legally became an orphan. I was underage without any legal guardian, but when my mother passed away I told my friends I was going to Buffalo, getting my DJ equipment and never looking back. That summer I practiced five hours, every single day, in my room, just to be decent enough so that when I came out to the public, people didn't think I was wack. I got my first break by Kim Williams in *The Punch Out* that very first Friday last fall. That joint cracked; people liked me and I started getting gigs. From then on, I've just been building relationships; I like to know what people like to hear. I'm constantly trying to figure out what I should play, what I'm not playing. I have a text message list with over 1000 numbers in it organized by class. I just do a lot to garnish my fan base. I need the people behind me. I support all my classmates; I just want them to support me.

Where did you get your name from?

My DJ name was a market strategy, I want people to identify

the DJing I did with myself as a person, because freshman year, because of my spontaneity, I had built a reputation for myself. I wanted people to be able to identify me with the DJing and say stuff like, 'Oh, Will DJs! I know him, let's hire him.' I just adopted a name that my friend 'Freako Rico' had called me in a Facebook video, and I play a sound clip from that song when I DJ.

What inspired you to start DJing?

I have an intense love for music. It was more so the love for music that inspired me, which comes from my mother because she owned a record shop when she was younger and she used to spin a little bit. I don't think she was as good as I am now, but she knew the basics and that's what she taught me as a sophomore. My love for music and inspiration from her just drove me to do it.

What inspires you now?

I like to have fun. I just like to party. I mostly like to party with the freshmen, I'm not gonna lie, freshmen are fun. This class isn't as hype as 2012, but I will say the class of 2013 likes to dance to slow, grinding music. They're freaky; validation was very freaky.

It was pretty freaky.

What are some of your most memorable DJing experiences?

The three-floor party I did last homecoming on Bryant Street was the best party I've done. The



Photo Courtesy of Willie Thomas

Thomas' love for music, which he got from his mother, inspires him to DJ.

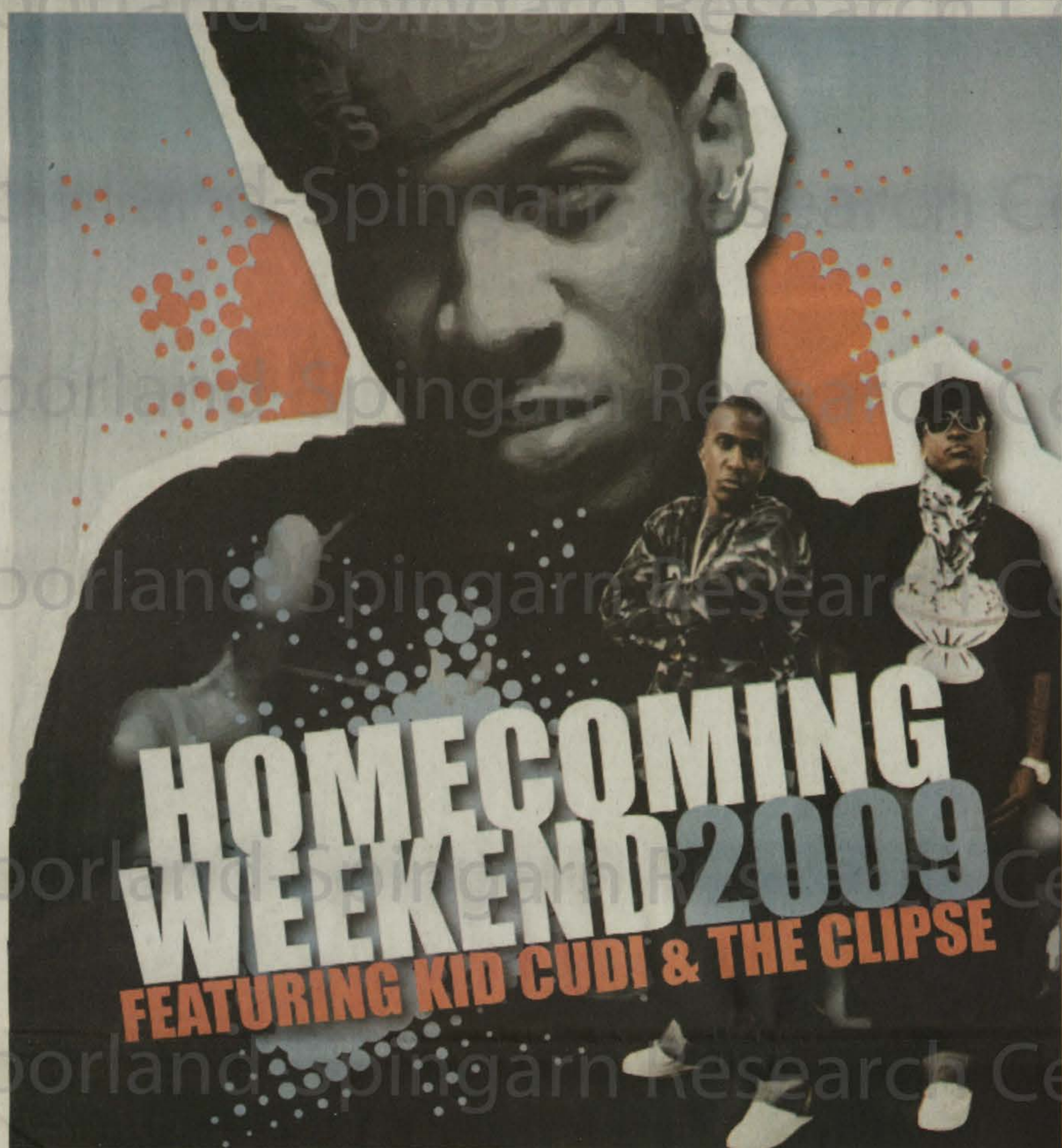
All-White Party and ResFest Step Show were memorable too.

How has the transition been from being a "room DJ" to "DJ Big Will?"

It's a hustle. I mean, I sacrificed my first semester of sophomore year doing this, which I regret, because I went from a 3.5 to a 2.5...now I'm back up in the 3's, but it was a lot of hustling. As a beginner DJ, you can't say no to anybody, because you don't want to deter people from asking you to do events. That was one of my biggest things, I never said no to anybody and it affected me scholastically. It has paid off now. I'm starting to see the benefits of it because now I'm

doing all of the official homecoming after parties; I'm doing Lux which is the official Fashion Show after party, I'm doing Zanzibar, the official Yardfest after party, and Saturday I'm doing a lesbian club. That should be great. All the hustle and grind and hard work, lugging around equipment and sometimes having to DJ for free for exposure, it all paid off but I kind of regret sacrificing my grades. It's nice to get paid cash now as well. Money helps a lot.

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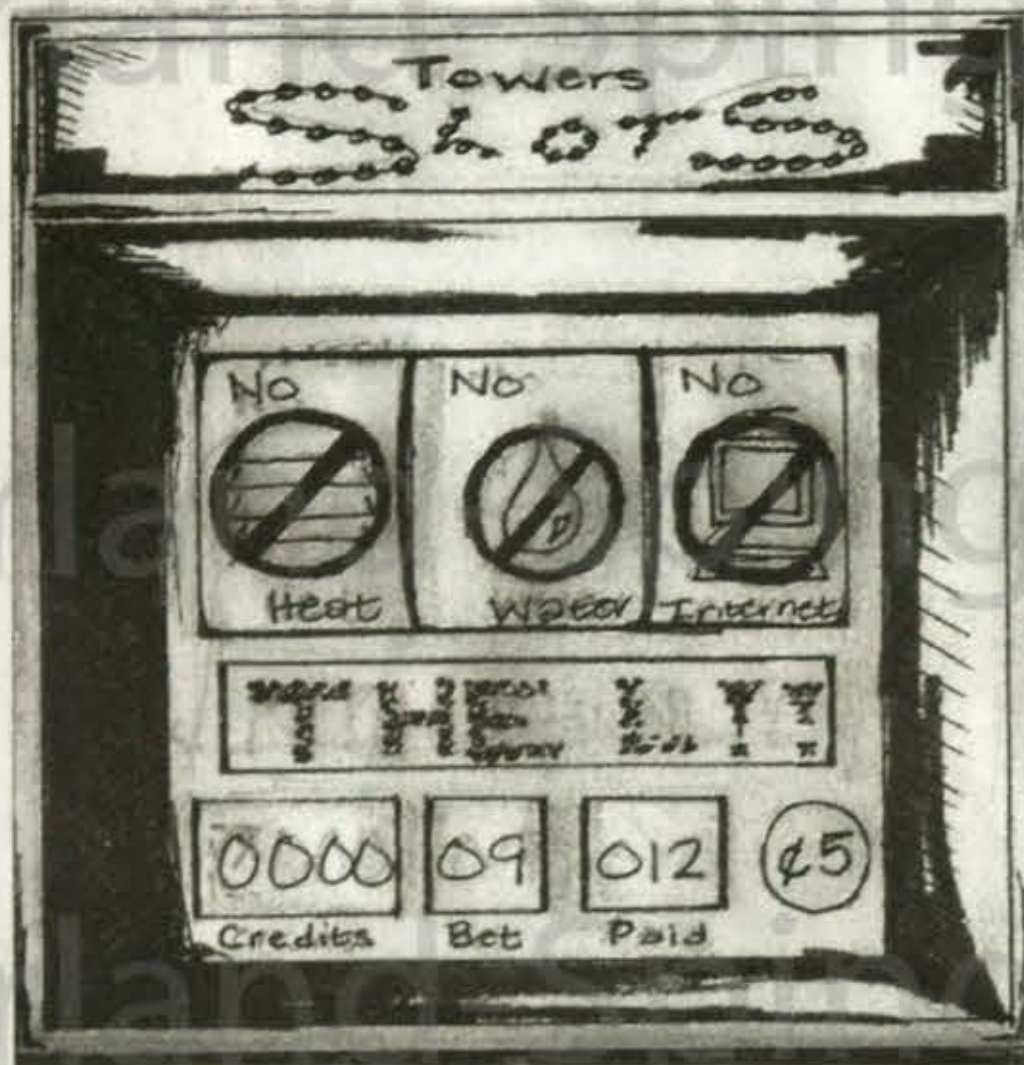
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Students Struggle in the Howard Plaza Towers

As tired students trek to the first floor elevators after a long day of classes, they notice a single sheet of white paper, taped among a mass of party fliers and advertisements. The crumpled piece of paper indicates that the water in the Howard Plaza Towers will be out of order the next day. The huge inconvenience of no running water overshadows ResLife's early attempt to notify students.

Later that evening, while putting together a meal in her suite kitchen, a student opens her cabinet and spots a roach scurrying into the shadows behind her cereal boxes.

After a mad dash to smash the unfortunate visitor with a house shoe, the student storms downstairs to complain to the front desk about the incident. She is told to fill out a maintenance form, and to expect someone the following morning to do something about it—like spray some type of repellent.

At 11:30 that night, after a stressful evening of writing a 10-page term pa-

per due at midnight, another student eagerly prepares to e-mail the finished product to his professor.

He saves the document to his desktop and clicks the Internet Explorer icon on his toolbar. After five minutes of searching, a box appears bearing the devastating news that the Web site cannot be found. After checking the wireless connection, as well as the \$10

couple of hours one day, for maintenance purposes, but how many times does the water have to run cold for the maintenance to be complete?

How many times should maintenance have to come spray acrid repellents through a bug infested suite; and why are students paying technology fees for things like wireless Internet, but still having to trudge to the iLab at all hours of the morning to finish papers?

If the Howard Plaza Towers were your average, public apartment building, the tenants would be being reimbursed or given some type of compensation for the inconveniences they're being forced to deal with on a regular basis.

Instead, the majority of students continue to pay extensive amounts of money to live in the well-located Howard Plaza Towers, while others move on to paying cheaper rent in off campus housing. Is the outrageous cost really worth all the trouble?

Ethernet cord he bought at the Howard bookstore, he realizes that the Internet in the Towers is out again.

With the appalling amount of money students shell out each semester to live in the Howard Plaza Towers, why are they dealing with these types of issues on a consistent basis?

It's understandable that the hot water might have to be cut off for a

Our View:
*Is it the Howard Plaza Towers?
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